



## State of North Carolina Office of Information Technology Services

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### Memorandum

**To:** Agency Security Liaisons

**From:** Ann Garrett, State Chief Information Security Officer

**Subject:** ISO 17799 Security Standard and Toolkit

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I am pleased to announce that the Office of Information Technology Services Security Office (ITS ISO) has purchased the recently upgraded ISO 17799 toolkit for use by all agencies subject to Article 3D of Chapter 147 of the General Statutes. This new version replaces the version originally distributed.

ISO 17799 is a comprehensive set of controls comprising best practices in information security. This internationally recognized generic information security standard was adopted by the state as its security framework. The agency security assessments completed by my office in 2004 supported the continued use of the ISO 17799 framework to assist with the establishment of internal security policies, processes and procedures for state agencies.

The toolkit is a collection of items that will help agencies to understand and implement ISO 17799 security measures more easily. It includes compliant security policies, audit checklists, continuity resources, an ISO 17799 road map, and other security-related tools. Also included is an Excel file called "New ISO 17799 Crosswalk," which highlights policies that have been added. The following documents are enclosed:

Description		Format
ISO 17799 2005 toolkit	-	CD
Updated ISO 17799 Crosswalk	-	CD

The Information Technology Fund was used to purchase these products, and ITS is providing them to covered agencies at no charge. Please be aware that there are strict licensing agreements regarding their use and distribution. Copies of the toolkit can be distributed within your agency but the software should not be placed on public web sites or made available to anyone beyond the scope of your agency. The policy outline in the toolkit is cross-referenced to ISO 17799, and we have found it easy and straightforward to use.

Chris Turpin in the Information Security Office will have responsibility for answering any questions concerning this matter. He can be reached at Christopher.Turpin@ncmail.net or 919-981-2549.

ITS is very supportive of efforts to promote a secure information technology operational environment in state government. Information security matters are one of our top priorities.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

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